

## OLD DOMINION LINES TIED UP BY CAR STRIKE

Practically Every Car on Steam  
and Electric Roads Report-  
ed Halted at 1 o'clock.

## HUNDREDS STRANDED HERE

Men Walk Out When Superin-  
tendent Declines to Treat  
With Unionists.

A strike on all of the lines of  
the Washington and Old Dominion  
railroad—steam and electric—was  
called at 11 o'clock today.

Practically every train and every  
car—freight and passenger—  
reported at 1 o'clock this af-  
noon to be tied up.

The strike was called on an  
hour's notice to the company,  
when General Manager W. B. Em-  
mert refused to treat with a com-  
mittee of the men as union men.

Hundreds of residents of Vir-  
ginia, some of them living as far  
away as Bluemont, seventy-two  
miles, were stranded at the  
Georgetown terminal when the  
strike was called.

## TAKEN TO TERMINALS.

The only trains moving, are those  
that were between terminals when  
the strike was called. Not a one has  
moved either way since, it is reported  
at strike headquarters.

The company has served notice on its  
passengers that it cannot guarantee ser-  
vice or schedules, but will do the best  
it can.

With the calling of the strike today,  
immediate steps toward conciliation  
were taken by the Federal Department  
of Labor and the Virginia State au-  
thorities.

James B. Doherty, State labor com-  
missioner, and Old Dominion com-  
missioner, immediately with the company and  
the men tendering his services as conciliator.

The District Commissioners will take  
no action, as the lines affected are inter-  
state and mainly in Virginia.

A meeting of the strikers on the  
Washington-Virginia lines upon  
which a lockout was effected and  
then a strike declared yesterday, has  
been called for Ballston, Va., this  
afternoon.

## Must Care for Mails.

Notice has been served on the Wash-  
ington and Old Dominion Company by  
the Postoffice Department, that the  
mails must not be interfered with.  
This company handles a great quan-  
tity of mail between Washington and  
Leesburg and the Blount region.  
The company has asked the men for  
crawls to take out the mail, but the  
request has been refused.

Giving notice to the public that it  
cannot maintain schedules and its  
former service the company has  
posted the following:

The relations between this company  
and its employees have been of the most  
harmonious character until the last few  
days. On yesterday demands upon the  
company were made by the Amalgam-  
ated Association of Street and Electric  
Railway Employees of America  
which cannot be considered.

The officers of the company have  
been told that a large number of its  
employees are members of the above-  
mentioned association, and that the  
indications are that a strike of employees  
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## Humanity League Defies Chancellor

## Urges Germans in Neutral States to Strive to Down Prussian Dominion.

ROTTERDAM, April 7.—In a counter-  
blast to the German chancellor's  
Reichstag speech, the so-called "Ger-  
man Humanity League" today issued  
a manifesto, urging all Germans in neu-  
tral states to strive to the utmost  
to deliver Germany from the domination  
of the "savage and brutal mili-  
tarists of Prussia."

The manifesto charges that the Ger-  
man government has broken "every rule  
of civilized communities, diplomatic  
honesty and international obligations,"  
and is responsible "for the colossal  
carnage of domestic grief, financial  
ruin and economic misery, which like  
a nightmare, distracts the German  
people."

"This government," the manifesto con-  
cludes, "is now exposed as the murder-  
er of the bravest soldiers of the nation  
at Verdun."

## U. S. SOLDIERS AID CARRANZA'S FORCE IN FIGHT WITH VILLA

Ten Bandits Killed and Two  
Taken in Third Battle With  
Americans.

## OTHER BRUSH CONFIRMED

War Department Hears of En-  
gagement at Cieneguilla  
and Aguas Calientes.

Americans and Villistas have fought  
their third engagement since the puni-  
tive expedition crossed the border.

The engagement occurred Tuesday at  
Cieneguilla. Ten Villistas were killed  
and two captured.

Carranzistas co-operates with the  
Americans in the engagement news of  
which reached the War Department to-  
day. The same message contained re-  
ports of the fight at Aguas Calientes  
between Americans and Villistas last  
Saturday.

Refusing absolutely to credit the re-  
ports from the border that General  
Carranza is preparing to insist on a  
withdrawal of the American forces from  
Mexico, officials of the Administration,  
following today's cabinet meeting de-  
clared there was no change in the  
orders to "get Villa."

Officials fully realize, however, that  
with every mile added to the distance  
between the advance guard of the  
American forces and the border, the  
question as to how far the pursuit is  
to be carried becomes more pressing.

Dispatches received at the War De-  
partment today indicate that the ad-  
vance guard of the American troops is  
already well to the south of Chihuahua  
and still going ahead.

The dispatches were from "Coneo,"  
Marion P. Letcher, at Chihuahua, who  
communicated direct with Major Gen-  
eral Bell, commanding the American  
troops in the El Paso district. Bell  
communicated the reports to Funston  
at San Antonio, who, in turn, forward-  
ed them to Major General Scott, chief  
of staff.

Letcher reports that at 1 o'clock yester-  
day afternoon, Colonel Brown, com-  
manding the Tenth Cavalry (colored),  
which engaged a detachment of the  
bandits last Saturday, had telephoned  
him stating that for the last two weeks  
his troops have been living on beef  
and corn, but that the situation had  
been relieved by one of the American  
mining companies south of Chihuahua,  
which had supplied him with fresh food  
and money.

## Villa, With 2,000 Men, Ready to Make Stand

EL PASO, April 7.—Villa has gathered  
2,000 men at Parral for a stand against  
the American expedition, according to  
information which reached Fort Bliss  
today from Mexican sources.

The advanced cavalry guard under  
Colonel Dodd was reported nearing the  
Parral district.

The reported size of Villa's force was  
a surprise to officials here. The most  
liberal previous reports estimated he  
had only a few hundred followers.

It was generally believed that a mere  
handful was attending their wounded  
leader in his flight southward and the  
Mexican report may be a greatly exag-  
gerated estimate.

Reports from San Antonio state that  
a message from Pershing, badly  
garbled, indicated that the advance  
guard is near Salvo, forty miles south  
of Chihuahua, hard on Villa's trail.

Carranza's next move is anxiously  
awaited. No further statement has been  
made this morning by Consul Garcia in  
Juarez supplementing his announcement  
yesterday that "United States troops  
should now withdraw from Mexico."

Alarming rumors of concentration of  
government troops in the vicinity of  
Cieneguilla and reports that within the  
next few hours Carranza will formally  
"request" that American troops leave Mex-  
ican territory, are afloat, but no con-  
firmation has been received.

The Villistas were poorly mounted and  
ill equipped, according to the accounts  
to the latest report. If, contrary to  
general expectations, Colonel Dodd has  
been able to compel the Villistas to  
fight, Carranza may catch up with the lagging  
bandits.

Carranza's position is supposed to  
be located at Parral, where a number  
of foreigners are believed to have re-  
mained near their mining interests.

## Board Planned to Provide System for Promotion

An efficiency system is being worked  
out by officials of the State Depart-  
ment to provide for the equitable  
promotion of clerks of the department. A  
board has been named consisting of  
John E. Osborne, First Assistant Sec-  
retary of State; Ben G. Davis, chief  
clerk of the department, and Wilbur  
Carr, director of the consular service.

Final plans for the new system have  
not been made, but it has been tentatively  
decided that heads of bureaus  
will keep records of their employ-  
ees upon the basis of which promo-  
tions and other changes in the clerical  
force will be recommended by the ef-  
ficiency board.

This is understood to be the Commis-  
sion's decision with regard to the sug-  
gestion offered yesterday by William  
McK. Clayton, chairman of the commit-  
tee on Public Utilities of the Federation  
of Citizens' Association, that a univer-  
sal transfer order be issued as the quick-  
est and most effective way of securing  
a consolidation of the traction compa-  
nies.

The commission has had the universal  
transfer question under consideration for  
two years, but has taken no action  
because of its opinion that it is a rate  
question and dependent upon the valua-  
tions.

## Mrs. Susie R. Rhodes Heads Playgrounds; Sherman to Retire



Below—JOHN H. SHERMAN.

Above—MRS. SUSIE ROOT RHODES.

## READERS' WINDOW PRIZES AWARDED

Three Checks Are To Be Sent  
to Successful in Window  
Contest.

The Washington Times Window Dis-  
play competition came to a close today  
with the announcement of the awards  
of three checks for ten dollars to read-  
ers of The Times whose judgment re-  
garding the displays of the Washington  
merchants coincided with the awards  
made yesterday to the merchants.

The readers whose judgment has  
earned them one of the ten dollar  
checks are:

C. Miles Wood, of 2813 North Capitol  
street.  
Ben Dowell, 3522 Mt. Pleasant street.  
I. W. Thompson, 2216 Evert street  
northwest.

Checks will be sent to these readers  
of The Times as soon as necessary or-  
ders can be made.

## Won Much Favor.

The manner in which the readers of  
The Times responded to the invitation  
presented them to express their opin-  
ions of the window displays entered in  
The Times contest has been the subject  
of considerable comment from the mer-  
chant themselves.

## Practical Understanding.

Practically all the coupons that were  
received showed that the readers of The  
Times who filled them out had a very  
practical understanding of the reasons  
for the competition. The reasons they  
gave were concise, clearly stated, and  
exactly what The Times wanted to  
bring out. Some of the comments were  
most illuminating.

The five prizes in the form of schol-  
arships in the International Corre-  
spondence School, awarded to the mer-  
chants winning the competition will be  
turned over to the winners as soon as  
they have made their selections.

## Fleven Perish On P. & O. Liner Simla

Only Members of Crew Are Vic-  
tims of Submarine, Dis-  
patches Say.

LONDON, April 7.—Eleven Asiatic  
members of the crew were drowned  
when the Peninsular and Oriental liner  
Simla was sunk in the Mediterranean,  
but all other persons aboard the vessel  
were saved, according to a Lloyd's dis-  
patch this afternoon.

An official statement has been issued  
by the admiralty, and the Simla's sink-  
ing thus far have no confirmation of  
press dispatches. The Simla is be-  
lieved to be the transport reported in  
an Athens dispatch to have been sunk  
off the west coast of Greece. Athens  
reported it was believed there had been  
a large loss of life.

The Simla was owned by the same  
company that owned the liner Persia,  
sunk in the Mediterranean last Decem-  
ber with heavy loss of life, but was a  
slightly smaller steamer.

Six men of the crew of the steamer  
Simla, reported sunk last night, were  
drowned, it was learned today. Th-  
ough search by patrol ships has failed  
to discover any more survivors of the  
torpedoed liner Simla, which was sunk  
with a loss of fifty lives.

## Member of Board of Education Is First Woman to Have Charge of Department Here.

Announcement was made by the Com-  
missioners today of the appointment of  
Mrs. Susie Root Rhodes, members of  
the Board of Education, as supervisor  
of playgrounds.

She succeeds George M. Roberts, who  
is made superintendent of weights,  
measures and markets, in the place of  
John H. Sherman, resigned.

Mrs. Rhodes is the first woman to be  
appointed head of a department in the  
District government. The changes be-  
come effective April 11.

Superintendent Sherman submitted his  
resignation to the Commissioners April  
2. Following is his letter to the board:

Letter of Resignation.  
"With genuine regret I must submit  
my resignation as superintendent of  
weights, measures and markets, to take  
effect April 12 next. Changes in my  
personal affairs make it necessary for  
me to return to the more lucrative field  
of economic engineering.

"I cannot take this step without ex-  
pressing my deep appreciation and  
gratitude for the whole-hearted sup-  
port which has been given me by the  
members of this department, and the  
straight forward and hearty co-opera-  
tion which has been given by the de-  
alers of this city through my in-  
fluence."

## Here Seventeen Years.

Mrs. Rhodes has been a resident at  
Washington for seventeen years and has  
been a member of the Board of Educa-  
tion for the last four years.

She is the widow of Capt. Thomas B.  
Rhodes, Captain Rhodes was employed  
in the quartermaster's department of  
the War Department. Mrs. Rhodes has  
had considerable experience in the line  
of work with which she will now be  
connected. Prior to her removal to  
Washington she was for five years su-  
perintendent of physical training in the  
public schools of Salt Lake City.

She was a member of the advisory  
council of the Educational Congress at  
the World's Fair, 1906 and was a dele-  
gate from the District to the Interna-  
tional Congress on School Hygiene held  
in Buffalo in 1912.

## Appointed Last Year.

George M. Roberts, the new superin-  
tendent of weights and measures and  
markets, entered the District service as  
supervisor of playgrounds August 18,  
1915. Mr. Roberts was born in Mt.  
Pleasant, Tex., and has lived in Wash-  
ington eight years. He was formerly a  
newspaper man.

He was secretary to former Congress-  
man Horace W. Vaughan of Texas.  
While the salaries of both positions are  
the same, \$2,500, his appointment as  
head of the division of weights, mea-  
sures and markets is regarded as a pro-  
motion.

John H. Sherman, the retiring superin-  
tendent, was appointed May 14, 1914,  
to succeed the late Col. W. C. Haskell.  
Mr. Sherman is a graduate of Central  
High School, and before entering the  
District service was connected with the  
office of Harrison Emerson, efficiency  
expert, New York.

## FORMER GOVERNOR OF PORTO RICO DEAD

Col. George R. Colton Succumbs  
at Walter Reed Hospital.

Col. George R. Colton, governor of  
Porto Rico under the Taft Adminis-  
tration, died last night at Walter Reed  
Hospital of a complication of diseases  
due to long service in the tropics.  
Colonel Colton was the brother of Mrs.  
Randall Harner, of Washington. He  
had been in the Government service for  
twenty years.

During the Spanish-American war  
Colonel Colton was an officer in a Ne-  
braska volunteer regiment. After be-  
ing mustered out he was made deputy  
collector of customs, was later trans-  
ferred to Santo Domingo as general re-  
ceiver of customs, and later was sent  
to the Philippines as collector of cus-  
toms. He was recalled from this post  
to be made governor of Porto Rico,  
which he held for four years. He re-  
signed at the beginning of the Wilson  
administration.

## Sweden Sends Protest.

COPENHAGEN, April 7.—The Swedish  
government has sent a protest to Ger-  
many against the capture of the Swed-  
ish steamer Vega by a German torpedo  
boat.

## HARDING IS PICKED FOR "KEYNOTE" AT G. O. P. CONVENTION

Ohio Senator Chosen as Tempo-  
rary Chairman of Meeting  
After Brief Deliberation.

## "JIM" MANN IS SIDETRACKED

Chairman Hilles Says Roose-  
velt's Announcement Had  
Not Entered Discussion.

CHICAGO, April 7.—Senator Warren  
G. Harding of Ohio today was chosen  
as temporary chairman of the Republi-  
can national convention by unanimous  
vote of the committee on arrangements  
of the Republican national committee  
at its meeting here.

Harding's selection as the "keynote"  
of the convention came after a few  
minutes' deliberation by the committee.  
Chicago Republicans had previously an-  
nounced that Congressman James R.  
Mann would be the choice.

Whether or not reports that Mann  
might not be acceptable to Colonel  
Roosevelt and the Progressive faction of  
the party led to sidetracking him, was  
not announced.

Chairman Hilles, of the Republican  
national committee, said that Roose-  
velt's announcement of his probable  
candidacy had not entered into the dis-  
cussion.

"Roosevelt's announcement was no  
surprise to me," Hilles said. "But it  
did not have any effect on our choice of  
a chairman."

Hilles declined to comment otherwise  
on Roosevelt's candidacy.

Committee member William C. O'Brien  
said his only surprise was that the  
colonel's announcement was "mild."  
Harding was in Chicago at the time  
his choice was announced.

## ROOSEVELT MEETS LEADERS OF PARTY

Murdock and Perkins Tell the  
Colonel He "Must Run," as  
People Want Him.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Special signif-  
icance was seen today in a conference  
here between Colonel Roosevelt, former  
Congressman Victor Murdock, chairman  
of the Progressive national committee,  
and George W. Perkins, chairman of  
the executive committee of the party.

It was the first conference the colonel  
had held since the publication of the  
statement from Oyster Bay virtually  
announcing his candidacy.

Murdock brought word to the Progres-  
sive leader that the Chicago conven-  
tion of Progressives will consider no  
other candidate for Presidential honors.  
He believed also that Roosevelt would  
be nominated by the Republicans, and  
asserted there was a nationwide de-  
mand for the former President as Chief  
Executive again.

It is called "the most exclusive charity  
of general welfare," but naturally the  
talk turned to "preparedness" and gen-  
eral politics. The colonel himself said  
he had nothing to add to his state-  
ment made recently to the mysterious  
member of Congress at Oyster Bay.

## New Social Roll In Book of Gold

NEW YORK, April 7.—Getting one's  
name in the first American Book of  
Gold is now the crowning ambition of  
New York and Philadelphia society.

Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt is collecting  
\$20,000 to be divided between Queen  
Mary of England, the Empress of Russia  
and the President of France for dispo-  
sal as they see fit.

It is called "the most exclusive charity  
of the war." It is understood \$100,000  
already has been subscribed.

Each subscriber must give \$10,000, this  
amount being the number of names to  
be selected. The thirty have been carefully  
selected, each ranking high in society.  
Their names will be inscribed in three  
books of gold, to accompany the gifts.  
The receipts to the donors will be on  
gold leaf.

## Urge Pensions For Aged Postoffice Employees

With 400,000 employees eligible to re-  
tirement pensions in private factories,  
members of Congress appearing before  
a House Postoffice subcommittee today  
urged that the Government should be  
as humane to its employees by enacting  
into law the Griffin bill pensioning ap-  
propriate employees of the post-  
office.

The bill grants \$600 a year to incapaci-  
tated railway mail clerks, rural free  
delivery carriers, and postoffice clerks.  
"We spend \$10,000,000 for a battle-  
ship that goes to pieces as soon as a sub-  
marine operator gets an eye on it, but  
we kick a sick pensioning broken-down  
postoffice employees," said Con-  
gressman Taggart, of Kansas.

Congressman Sherwood, of Ohio, said  
the money used for free and distrib-  
ution could be used for pensioning Gov-  
ernment employees.

## French Bark St. Hubert Torpedoed and Sunk

LONDON, April 7.—The French three-  
masted St. Hubert has been torpedoed  
and sunk. The crew was rescued.  
The St. Hubert was a 420-ton bark, 125  
feet long, owned at Pecamp.

The Dutch freight steamer Eendijk,  
bound from Hallingue to Rotterdam,  
passed St. Catherine's Point today in  
fog, and evidently badly damaged, ac-  
cording to a Lloyd's dispatch. It is  
possible that she struck a mine.

## RIGGS BANK MEN OBJECT TO TRIAL BY CHIEF JUSTICE

District Attorney Laskey Discloses Reasons  
For Setting Date of Proceedings for May  
8—Submits Letters of Attorneys For  
Officials Under Indictment

## ALSO FILES BILL OF PARTICULARS

Correspondence Unfolds Controversial  
Character of Preliminary Discussions as  
To Arrangements for Bringing Perjury  
Charges to Early Trial.

The noted Riggs Bank case took another unexpected  
turn today when papers were filed in Criminal Court, No.  
1, showing that Charles C. Glover, William J. Flather,  
Henry H. Flather, and their attorneys, objected to Chief  
Justice Harry Covington as the presiding judge in the per-  
jury case against the three bank officials.

This was revealed in correspondence attached to the  
answer of District Attorney John E. Laskey in denying  
that he had unnecessarily delayed in bringing the perjury  
case to trial. Mr. Laskey's affidavit refutes such allega-  
tions contained in a petition filed with the court two days  
ago by the bank officials' attorneys.

The correspondence shows that on January 6 Attor-  
neys J. J. Darlington, Frank J. Hogan, George P. Hoover,  
William G. Johnson, and Daniel W. O'Donoghue waited  
upon the District Attorney and insisted upon an early trial  
for their clients.

## NOT MATTER OF RIGHT.

At the same time the District Attorney was informed  
that both the indicted defendants and their five attorneys  
believed that Chief Justice Covington was prejudiced and  
did not desire him to preside.

This fact was subsequently communicated to Justice  
Covington by the District Attorney and the justice said he  
did not desire to preside in any case where defendants and  
their lawyers thought he might be biased, although Justice  
Covington held that he could not recognize as a matter of  
right existing with any defendant the exclusion of a trial  
justice for bias.

Chief Justice Covington was presiding in Criminal  
Court, No. 1, with Justice Siddons, presiding in No. 2,  
when the Riggs attorneys made known their objection to  
the chief justice.

Most of the correspondence between District Attor-  
ney Laskey and the Riggs attorneys, as made a part of the  
record today, is controversial in its nature.

## DENIES TRIAL DELAY.

The District Attorney combats all along the line the  
suggestion that he has willfully delayed calling the perjury  
cases to trial, while the attorneys for the defendants insist  
they have been put off from time to time both as regards  
the date of the trial and the bill of particulars backing up  
the perjury indictments.

The plea of the bank officials for an immediate trial  
was scheduled for consideration in Criminal Court, No. 1,  
with Justice Siddons presiding, this morning. All the at-  
torneys were present, but on account of the regular crim-  
inal docket Justice Siddons postponed until tomorrow  
morning at 9:30 o'clock the hearing of arguments for the  
expedition of the trial.

The perjury trial is set for May 8, but attorneys for  
Messrs. Glover, Flather, and Flather seek an early trial in  
their petition filed two days ago.

## FEARED LOSS OF CHARTER.

In petitioning for an advance of the  
trial date, the defendants claimed that  
they feared if the perjury indictments  
were not disposed of before the expira-  
tion of the Riggs Bank charter in June  
the Comptroller of the Currency might  
use that as justification for refusing to  
re-charter the bank.

Attorneys Darlington, Hogan, John-  
son, O'Donoghue, and Hoover were in  
court today as the representatives of  
Messrs. Glover, Flather, and Flather.

District Attorney John E. Laskey, As-  
sistant District Attorney James B. Arch-  
er, and William C. Pitts, Assistant At-  
torney General, assigned by the Depart-  
ment of Justice, occupied seats at the  
Government's table.

In conversation, however, certain of  
the opposition attorneys took exception  
to the claim of the District Attorney  
that for four months prior to February  
no demands were made upon the Dis-  
trict Attorney's office for an early trial.  
"The fact is, said one of the attor-  
neys, 'demands were made on the very  
day the indictment was returned for an  
early trial, and we were informed that

there was no possible chance of reach-  
ing the case before the Christmas holi-  
days. Therefore, we left the District  
Attorney alone until January 3, the first  
working day after the holidays, and  
then renewed our demand for a trial."

The bill of particulars in the per-  
jury case, which grew out of an af-  
fidavit of the three bank officials that  
the bank had not engaged in stock  
transactions, was filed late yesterday  
by District Attorney Laskey, and a  
copy furnished the attorneys for the  
other side.

## Laskey's Affidavit.

It is the claim of defendants' coun-  
sel that they have been seeking this  
bill of particulars for several months.  
On this point the affidavit of Dis-  
trict Attorney Laskey, presented in  
Justice Siddons' court today, says:

"Prior to February 6, 1916, four months  
after their indictment, these defendants  
did not seek an early trial, nor any trial.  
Their counsel mentioned to affiant, in  
an interview of January 6, that the  
defendants desired an early trial, but  
the essential object of their communi-  
cations was affiant, to the date of  
February 6, 1916, was to bring about a